

Field of the Invention--;

in line 7, delete "according to the preamble of patent claim 1 or 3.";
after line 7, insert --

Description of the Related Art--; and

5 in line 19, delete "respectively,".

On page 2, in line 14, delete "respectively,".

On substitute page 3, in line 23, delete "respectively,".

On substitute page 4, in line 2, delete "respectively,";
in line 3, delete "respectively,";

10 in line 19, "[sic]";
in line 20, delete "respectively,"; and
after line 22, insert --

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

15 in line 26, after "working lines" insert --(working mode)--
in line 27, after "lines," insert --(protective mode)--

On substitute page 4a, in lines 1 and 2, delete "a method in its definition
according to patent claim 1 and with an apparatus according to the features of
patent claim 3." and insert

A2 20 --a method and apparatus wherein two interface
modules are provided in every node of the network. Upon a failure of any of any
of these interface units, a signal line change over occurs. Likewise, a failure of a
line transmission is countered through the already operating additional interface
module.--; and

in line 21, delete "respectively,".

On page 5, after line 9, insert --

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

delete lines 10 and 11;

in line 13, change "module, and" to --module--;
after line 15, insert --

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

and

5 in line 19, delete "respectively,".

On page 6, in line 5, change "held [sic: reserved]" to --reserved--; and
in line 8, delete "respectively,".

On page 7, after line 12, add the following new paragraph --

10 Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those
skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent
warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come
within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.

IN THE DRAWINGS

15 Please amend Figures 1 and 2 to add English text for clarification as shown
on the drawing copy marked in red attached to the Request for Approval of Drawing
Changes filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

On substitute page 8, line 1, change "Patent Claims" to --We Claim:--.

Please cancel all claims without prejudice and add new claims 3-5 as follows:

Rule 1.126

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3. A method for optimizing transmission security and failure security in high-
bit-rate data networks via signal line redundancy between network nodes such that
parallel signal lines, selectors, bridge circuits, and interface modules provided at a
network node side are capable of at least one of being occupied and being
switched to at least one of a working mode and a protection mode, said method
25 comprising the steps of:

immediately countering an interface failure error via a signal line
changeover, said interface failure error being indicated by at least one of an error
message link and a transmission link that are arranged between interface modules

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